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Dear Governor Newsom,

I'm writing to you today to ask for your leadership in providing immediate economic relief for California's working families by placing a three-month moratorium on government union dues deductions.

Presently, tens of thousands of Californians are being forced to stay home from work as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes huge swaths of our devoted public employees, most of whom are still fortunate enough to still be collecting a paycheck — short of the portion government unions continue to take for themselves.

The private sector, however, is not so lucky. Small businesses across our state are being forced to close their doors, unsure when — or if — they will be able to open them again. This means temporary furloughs, semi-permanent or permanent layoffs and an overwhelming number of new unemployment filings.

Gov. Newsom, you have an opportunity to take immediate action that would provide real relief to hurting Californians.

Public employees in California pay an average of \$800 in annual union dues. A three-month moratorium on government union dues deductions for California's over 1,250,000 public-sector union members would pump \$250 million back into the pockets of the workers who earned them and need them during this emergency.

The best part is, you could boost our state's economy by nearly \$250 million without costing California taxpayers a dime.

While I recognize we have differing opinions on other subjects, I believe we have an opportunity for great collaboration in front of us. I'd ask for you to take a stand and be the leader on this issue you are on many others, and help ensure the people that are keeping California moving in this time of crisis are well taken care of themselves by ordering an immediate moratorium on government union dues deductions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Wickers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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